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A Shakespearean Difficultly and a Pickwickian Settlement.

When Senators Conkling and Gordon were furiously accusing, stigmatizing and threatening, in their late unpleasantry, the "Tempest" and "Measure for Measure" were of course suggested. Now, however, it has been happily discovered that the whole affair was a "Comedy of Errors," there has been "Much Ado About Nothing," and the people of the United States comfort themselves with the thought that "All's Well that Ends Well." The newspaper men who have been cheated of a sensation are not so well satisfied, however, and are irresistibly reminded of the memorable quarrel in the Pickwick Papers which was brought to a close by the discovery on the part of the belligerents that on the whole they rather preferred each other to their own brothers.

It cannot be denied that the situation on the Texan frontier is becoming grave. It is altogether likely that up to this time the whole difficulty is a local one, fomented and kept alive on both sides by a gang of mischievous makers, whom their respective countries could well afford to have wiped out of existence, if the collision could be ended with their extermination; but the danger is, that the circle may widen until the two governments are drawn into it, whether they want to be involved or not. At any rate, the present would seem to be a good time for the exercise of a little sound statesmanship on both sides. The fellows who are always "in favor of the next war," because, as they say, "war makes business good," ought to remember that the hard times that are just now squeezing the life out of everything are the inevitable reaction from a business prosperity brought about in that way. The fellows who have everything to make and nothing to lose by the calamities of war may not realize this, or, realizing it, may not care; but the business men of the country, the people who have a stake in its welfare, the consuming class, the mothers, wives and sisters of the land, ought to make their voices heard on the subject before it is too late.

A statement from Mr. John H. Crane, indicating that he was an applicant for the office of Water Registrar, was crowded out of THE STAR Saturday, with other matter of more importance, by the pressure of advertising, whereupon Crane, laboring under the complete idea that the people were in an agony of suspense about the matter and couldn't possibly wait until Monday, rushed to the Sunday papers to say that THE STAR had "suppressed" his card. He, therefore, wanted it announced to the world early Sunday morning that he was not an applicant for that or any other position under the District government. "Cruel Crane!" Why couldn't he let the public enjoy the beautiful, spring-like Sabbath yesterday without throwing the pall of his relentless decision over a hopeful world! As it was people went about the streets, from morning to night, with funeral faces, wringing their hands and saying, "Crane dead?" Crane will not be a candidate for Water Registrar!" "Crane will not be a candidate for anything!" "Wo! Wo! to Washington!" And so the sun went down upon the unhappy city.

Fresh disturbances in El Paso County, Texas, delight the hearts of those whose counsels for war. The scene of the present trouble is San Elizario, the largest town on an island, some twenty miles long, in the Rio Grande, near where it flows from New Mexico and forms the boundary between Texas and Mexico. The population of this western corner of Texas is largely of Mexican origin, and would render little assistance to the state authorities in case of an invasion from the other side of the Rio Grande. It is not clear, however, that the outbreaks there are more than local, or that Mexican citizens are concerned in them. The uproar made about Mexican invasion recently, when the riot, caused by the denial of the privilege of the free use of the salt ponds, took place in that section, was probably as reasonable as the present outcry. But, though the disturbance is not one for which the Mexican government can be held responsible, it may assume serious proportions as a local riot. Blood has already been shed; the troops available for suppressing the insurrection are weak, numerically, and as ninety-five per cent. of the county citizens are of Mexican blood, no civil posse can be mustered. Such occurrences intensify the reciprocal hatred of Texans and Mexicans, and unless the general government exerts its power strongly for the repression of incipient rebellion and the protection of the southern frontier of the United States, bloody border warfare may ensue, making a contest with Mexico inevitable.

That large class of persons who are constantly pining to show the world how a newspaper ought to be conducted will be interested in the advertisement in another column announcing the proposed sale of the Richmond *Enquirer*. Here an opportunity is offered them to get a paper of their own. And this, after all, is the better plan. It is expensive, but they can have their own way, as long as their money lasts.

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